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COUNTRY East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC Soviet Units from Bernau. Frankfurt/Oder and Potsdam Leaving for		
Fall Exercises		
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. At about 0830 on 19 September 1954, 15 T-34 tanks [redacted] and 1 truck with field kitchen left the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241) in Bernau toward the railroad station. T-34 tank [redacted] stalled in front of the gate opposite the Schmutsenhaus due to a damaged track. The tanks were entrained and left toward the outer freight ring of Berlin. At about 0900, 3 columns left the Luftnachrichten Kaserne toward Granienburg:
 - the first column consisted of 1 jeep occupied by 1 major and 1 senior lieutenant, 2 three-axle armored personnel carriers, and 8 trucks occupied by 144 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and gasmasks and carrying full field equipment and entrenching tools. Each truck mounted 2 light machine guns. Two trucks with 2 x 57-mm AT guns and 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 2 trucks with 2 x 120-mm mortars and 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were added;
 - the second column consisted of jeep [redacted] occupied by 1 captain and 1 lieutenant, 10 trucks with ammunition and 40 to 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets;
 - the third column consisted of 1 jeep and 8 to 10 tank trucks marked with red flags.
2. At 0700 on 19 September, an undetermined number of soldiers and the following materiel from the Buslow Kaserne (4441) were entrained in Frankfurt/Oder and left for an undetermined destination: 7 T-34/85 tanks, 3 SU-100 guns, 3 x 85-mm AT guns and trucks [redacted]
3. Between 0300 and 0530 on 22 September, four shipments were entrained at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station:
 - First shipment: 13 JS tanks, about 10 trucks and approximately 300 soldiers.
 - Second shipment: about 15 x 120-mm mortars, 2 rocket launchers, and approximately 20 trucks and 200 soldiers.

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Third shipment: 8 to 10 heavy guns, 8 to 10 prime movers and approximately 15 trucks.

Fourth shipment: 5 rocket launchers, 4 mortars, presumably of 120-mm, 6 light field guns and approximately 15 boxcarloads of personnel.

On 21 and 22 September, a total of approximately 30 trains passed through the Seddin railroad station and proceeded toward the Berlin outer freight ring. On 23 September, the barracks installations in Potsdam were only lightly occupied.

4. On 21 September, the following soldiers and materiel from the Kriegsschule (2288) in Potsdam were entrained at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station:

1600. About 25 to 30 trucks [redacted] armored personnel carriers [redacted] and approximately 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

Between 1645 and 1800. Four heavy tanks [redacted] 4 T-34 tanks [redacted] about 10 trucks including [redacted] 1 x 37-mm AA gun on a four-wheel chassis, 1 field kitchen and approximately 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. The departure of the two trains was not observed. 3

1. [redacted] Comment. According to weapons and tank [redacted] elements of the 6th Gds Mech Div left for exercises.
2. [redacted] Comment. The departure of the units for fall maneuvers had previously been reported.
3. [redacted] Comment. Shipments observed, as well as the light occupation of the military installations in Potsdam, indicate that the bulk of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Potsdam also participated in the fall maneuvers in the Cottbus area. The third train may have carried elements of the 34th Arty Div.

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